

CLAIMS:

1. A method of enabling to automatically record a plurality of content programs that are listed for being broadcast, the method comprising:
 - enabling to identify alternative sources for supply of a specific one of the content programs; and
 - 5 - enabling to select a suitable one of the alternative sources for supply of the specific content program so as to comply with a predetermined condition.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the condition relates to minimizing a conflict with another one of the content programs scheduled for being recorded.
- 10 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the condition relates to optimizing the selecting according to a pre-determined user preference.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the alternative sources
15 comprises a broadcast channel.
5. The method of claim 4, comprising enabling to use an EPG for identifying the alternative sources.
- 20 6. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the alternative sources comprises a recorder on a data network.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of content programs comprise multiple episodes of a series.
- 25 8. The method of claim 1, comprising dynamically updating the selecting of the suitable source.

9. An electronic apparatus operative to control a recording of a plurality of content programs that are listed for being broadcast, the apparatus being further operative to identify alternative sources for supply of a specific one of the content programs and to select a suitable one of the alternative sources for supply of the specific content program so as to
5 comply with a predetermined condition.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the condition relates to minimizing a conflict with another one of the content programs scheduled for being recorded.

10 11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the condition relates to optimizing the selection according to a pre-determined user preference.

12. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein at least one of the alternative sources comprises a broadcast channel, the apparatus having access to an EPG for identifying at least
15 a sub-set of the alternative sources.

13. The apparatus of claim 9, comprising a digital recorder.

14. The apparatus of claim 9, having a connection for connecting to a data
20 network.

15. Software for being installed at a controller for control of a recorder for recording a plurality of content programs listed for being broadcast, the software being operative to identify alternative sources for supply of a specific one of the content programs;
25 and to select a suitable one of the alternative sources for supply of the specific content program so as to comply with a predetermined condition.

16. The software of claim 15, wherein the condition relates to minimizing a conflict with another one of the content programs scheduled for being recorded.

30 17. The software of claim 15, wherein the condition is operative to make the selection according to a pre-determined user preference.

18. An EPG comprising, for a specific program from a specific source, a pointer to an equivalent program at an alternative source for enabling to select a proper one of the sources to minimize a conflict between scheduled recordings.